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In re Patent Application of:
Christian Gerk et al.

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For: DUAL-PHASE HARD MATERIAL, METHOD
FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF AND ITS
USE

Examiner: H. T. Le

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.